

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 1-2, revise the title as follows:

POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR RECEPTORS

Page 1, before 1. Field of the Invention, add the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/837,199, April, 14, 1997, now Patent No. 6,455,277~~abandoned~~, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent applications Ser. Nos. 60/017,221 filed May 9, 1996 and 60/015,907 filed April 22, 1996, which are, in their entirety, hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Page 10, lines 34-36, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Figure 5 (A) – ~~(R)(K)~~ depict the alignment and comparison of portions of GDNFR- $\alpha$  cDNA sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 46-55) produced in various clones as well as the consensus sequence for human GDNFR- $\alpha$  (SEQ ID NO:45).